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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear FCC,

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters - but only five times with public interest groups.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy - a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system - ahead of profit-hungry media giants. Media conglomerates

do not serve the public interest, and may run small, independent media outlets out of business. The large media companies currently do not present a broad point of view on many topics, but present the points of view which paid the most money. Clear Channel Communications has allegedly blacklisted certain songs from its 1,225 radio stations. And MTV blocked ads for the non-Hollywood film "Super Size Me." Conglomeration leads to censorship, and we demand that the government keeps in place rules to disallow media monopolies.

Sincerely,

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